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What a fetching pup

The piles of snow didn't slow this guy down. Tim Tofflemire's new puppy got a chance to get out and play in heaps of white fun. To see more of Tofflemire's photos, go to www.toffphoto.com.

TOURISM

MPP questions minister on new regions

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

In an ongoing effort to change the new tourism regions, the county of Halibur-

ton is continuing to pressure the province by petitioning the government.

The minister of tourism announced the formation of 13 new tourism regions in December 2009. In these new regions the county of Haliburton is split between regions 11 and 12.

Unhappy with this decision, officials from the county have been questioning the logic behind the split and lobbying

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HEALTH CARE

Hospital quells Norwalk outbreak

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

There was an outbreak of the Norwalk virus in Haliburton earlier this month.

Paul Rosebush, CEO for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, confirmed at a board meeting last week that there was an outbreak of the virus at the Haliburton HHHS facility over the course of one week in February.

The Norwalk virus, sometimes known as the stomach flu, often results in bouts of diarrhea and vomiting for the infected person.

It has a reputation for spreading quickly in concentrated environments such as schools, dormitories and retirement homes.

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OLYMPICS

Proud father David Allen sent in these pictures of his daughter Chelsey, right, who was a medal presenter at the Olympics, see far right.



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CHARGES

Gooderham man charged with impaired driving

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have charged a male after stopping a vehicle in Gooderham Feb. 20.

An officer who was patrolling County Road 503 near Gooderham stopped a Dodge pickup truck that was travelling eastbound. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

A41-year-old man of Highlands East has been charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 mgs.

Correction

On Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, an advertisement ran in the *Echo* for psychic readings at the Heritage House Café. The Heritage House Café was in no way responsible for the advertisement and was not contacted before the advertisement ran. The *Echo* regrets the error and apologizes to the Heritage House Café and its customers for any inconvenience caused by the advertisement.



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Bob McCausland

Special Gooderham memorial to former warden

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ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Bob McCausland did not want to be forgotten.

The former public servant and warden of Haliburton County dedicated more than a decade of his short-lived life to the people of this community.

So when Bob passed away in 1992, there was no better place to hold his memorial service than at the Gooderham Community Centre, a facility he worked tirelessly to bring to the community.

But as people filed into the hallway with standing room only, even the community centre was not large enough to adequately hold the friends and admirers who came to pay their respects to the man they loved so dearly.

Now, 18 years later, that same community centre will be more than just one of Bob's accomplishments from his time as councillor and reeve of Glamorgan. It will be his legacy.

On July 1, the community centre will be officially renamed the Robert Mc-Causland Memorial Community Centre, in remembrance of the man who made the centre a reality.

A resident of Gooderham, Bob was the recipient of multiple heart transplants before eventually passing away at the young age of 49 following a hard fought battle with heart failure and complications.

"Bob had his first heart attack the day before his 40th birthday," says Joan Mc-Causland, who was married to Bob for 28 years before he passed away, "and he never stopped working until the day he died."

In addition to working full-time at Schwandt's Lumber, Bob spent 15 years on Glamorgan's council, served as reeve of the community and was the warden of Haliburton County in 1988.

During those many years in the public eye, Bob made an impression on the hearts and lives of those around him. Which is why Gooderham Councillor Donna Graham brought forth the request to rename the community centre to the municipality of Highlands East.

In a letter addressed to council, Graham wrote, "Even during his illness Bob did not relinquish the reins or for-



Joan McCausland, wife of the late Robert McCausland, thinks back to memories of her husband as she leafs through a scrapbook dedicated to his life and many accomplishments.

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Even during his illness Bob did not relinquish the reins or forget his desires for the community. He wanted Glamorgan to prosper and have buildings that would accommodate the recreation needs of its community.

Donna Graham

get his desires for the community. He wanted Glamorgan to prosper and have buildings that would accommodate the recreation needs of its community. I feel his accomplishments did a lot for our

town and we continue to benefit from his efforts now."

Upon hearing Graham's letter, council unanimously agreed to rename the centre, which is used to support community



The Glamorgan Community Centre will soon be receiving a facelift as a result of an agreement by council to rename it the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre, in honour of the late warden and political figure.

initiatives such as senior's lunches, kids' programs and festivities.

"I had great support from council that day," says Graham. "As soon as it was made official I left council chambers and went and told Joan."

Thrilled with the news, Joan, who has spent the past 18 years without her beloved partner, still thinks back to memories of her husband before he became ill.

"I miss him every day," says Joan. "I wear this necklace he had specially made for me which has three hearts to represent all of his hearts. (Bob had two transplants before his death.) There isn't a day that goes by I don't think about him." And Joan isn't the only one. With a tombstone that reads "I'll love you till I die," Bob lived up to those final words.

"The people in this town still talk about him," says Joan. "They will bring up the things he did for this community."

As if he would have it any other way, the centre also fittingly neighbours Bob's final resting place, allowing him to once again be close at hand on the day the centre is renamed.

"I said to Donna [Graham], 'if Bob is looking up or down, I'm not sure which one, his chest will just be expanding so far,'" says Joan. "I remember him saying to me, 'I want to be cremated but I want a tombstone so that people will remember me and I said 'Bob, in a million years people will never forget you.'"

Rest assured Bob, you haven't been forgotten.

TAXES

Even in death there will be HST

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

"In this life nothing is certain but death and taxes."
When Ben Franklin said that, they weren't taxing funerals.

Ah, but today, they tax everything, and beginning on Canada Day, 2010, the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) program will be adding to the high cost of dying in Ontario.

Yes folks, the stuttered shuffle off this mortal coil is getting pretty darn expensive.

And the new tax provisions inherent in Ontario's planned HST will be upping the ante on funeral arrangements considerably.

Mike Sheddy, vice-president of Ottawa's Pinecrest Remembrance Services, summed it up nicely in a recent *Globe and Mail* piece. "It is expensive to die, and to throw another eight per cent on top of that is pretty significant," said Sheddy.

He added that when the GST was put in place in 1991 – with a similar exemption for prepaid funerals – some families later told his company that they would have taken advantage of it (the prepayment to avoid the GST) if they had been informed.

In Ontario, the funeral industry wants to deliver a message to potential clients that they can save a bundle if they book their exit strategy and arrangements early, like say, before the end of June.

Dwaine Lloyd, funeral director of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home says that this is also an excellent opportunity to tell people of the advantages of preparing for the departure of a loved one, or for that matter, one's own upcoming demise.

"I want people to know the advantage of preplanning takes the emotional and financial burden from family members," says Lloyd. He says that it's an uncomfortable subject but not nearly as discombobulating as trying to plan a funeral while suffering through the emotional angst of a loved one's recent death.

"The reason for preparing [a funeral strategy] is to alleviate that burden from the immediate family," says Lloyd. "That's the reason people should preplan and the only added incentive here is that the government is going to charge an extra eight per cent as of July 1.

The incentive here is to get a plan in place so that you can avoid the HST by either prepaying in full or in part, and that way you're covered. I think there's a couple of good reasons here as to why people should preplan."

The savings can be considerable, dependant on the cost of the funeral.

"Today, funeral services are subject to the five per cent GST," says Lloyd.

"Consumers who spend \$5,000 for funeral services currently pay \$250 in taxes. When the HST comes into effect on July 1, it will add \$400 to the price of that \$5,000 funeral bringing taxes to \$650."

Lloyd says that like a lot of independent funeral directors he is affiliated with Guaranteed Funeral Deposits of Canada. Established in 1961, GFD is an independent, not-for-profit organization that administers, invests, and reports on prepaid funeral service funds.

Over the years the company has added different funding options and services that keep its members competitive and up to date with federal and provincial legislation. They have a board of directors made up of volunteers from their membership that administer to changing needs of the Canadian Funeral Profession.

In the *Globe and Mail* article, Harry Renaud, executive director of GFD, said that he expects a number of funeral homes to get the message out to clients regarding the savings that could be made by making funeral arrangements prior to July 1.

Renaud said no upswing in prepaid funerals had been noted yet. But he did say that, "we're anticipating that there could be quite a spike in new business, probably in the month of June as a run-up to the July 1 deadline."

Lloyd says that as more and more people are living longer, they are also finding time to consider the advantages of preplanning funerals. He says that his door is always open for people who would like to assess the possibility of alleviating some of the burden on those they leave behind.

"We plan ahead for many things in life, including careers, weddings, starting a family or our children's education," says Lloyd.

"It's only natural to plan our funerals too. With the chance to save hundreds of dollars by finalizing funeral contracts before the HST is launched, pre-planning is more attractive than ever before."



Pat Warren announced last week she would quit her position of federal Liberal candidate for the next election. She will run for Bobcaygeon council instead.

Federal Liberal candidate resigns

DAVE FLAHERTY

Special to the Echo

Stating she has "unfinished business" at the municipal level, Pat Warren has stepped down as the federal Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Warren made the announcement on Feb. 23. She said that she felt she needed another run at city council representing Bobcaygeon.

Over the past few months, Warren said she had the opportunity to meet with many constituents and discuss their concerns on a federal level.

The current prorogation of Parliament was an issue that many people were concerned with, Warren said.

"I think I really awakened people to what is going on in Ottawa," Warren said.

Warren, who is known to be a proponent of environmental issues, said she felt she could make a bigger impact in the area by serving on city council than as a federal candidate.

Another factor to her decision to step down was an undetermined timeline for the next federal election.

Warren said the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Federal Liberal Association will begin a process to find someone to replace her.

Association president Greg Walling wished Warren well.

TAX PACKAGE

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VOTING

Municipal elections to be hotly contested

Many of Dysart et al councillors' seats will be challenged by newcomers

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

It's still early, but a number of ratepayers from the four local councils have already filed nomination papers for the upcoming municipal elections - slated this year for Oct. 25, 2010.

Deadline for all nominations in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Minden Hills and Highlands East is Friday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m.

Highlands East residents will be voting to fill positions for reeve and four

Highlands East Ward 4 councillor Gary Stoughton has already filed nomination papers denoting his intention to regain his seat on council.

Wilberforce resident, Joan Barton has filed papers to run against him.

In Dysart et al, constituents will be voting for reeve, deputy-reeve and for councillors of five wards.

In Dysart, newcomer Val Craftchick filed nomination papers for Ward 4 in the ward currently held by Janis Parker. Dennis Casey has filed papers to run for councillor of Ward 2, a spot held by Derek Knowles, and Martin G. Lacey, a businessman who has a residence in Eagle Lake, has filed papers to run for

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council in Ward 5, a spot currently held by Dan Kay.

In Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch have already filed nomination papers signaling their intentions to run as incumbents in the same positions.

Lisa Schell has filed papers for Ward 1, a spot she currently holds alongside the other Ward 1 councillor Bill Obee. (Ward 1 elects two councillors.)

Craig Birchall and Richard Bradley have both filed nomination papers to run for councillor in Ward 2. Barbara Reid is the sitting councillor for the ward.

Other Minden Hills spots up for grabs include councillor at large, held by Peter Oyler, and Ward 3, a spot occupied by

So far no nomination forms have been received by the Algonquin Highlands municipal office.

The elections in all four municipalities will be conducted by mail-in balloting.

Thus the municipal office executives in all four municipalities are stressing that it's very important that all constituents' mailing information be up-to-date.

Highlands East and Dysart are also making provisions to have strategically located drop boxes available to residents who wish to drop off their ballots by

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Curves raises money for heart

Karen Perrott, left, Heather Lindsay and coordinator Wanda Byers participate in a Fit for Heart event held at Curves in Haliburton on Feb. 27. Participants were challenged to use the circuit for the fundraiser. So far the Haliburton club has raised more than \$1,000.

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Tourism Twister

HAT A MESS these tourism regions are turning out to be.

V Initially created to localize promotion of distinct parts of the province, the splitting of Haliburton County has done quite the opposite.

We now have a formerly distinct area – Haliburton – which is deemed so insignificant to the province that

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we're torn east and west, Muskoka and Ottawa Valley.

Now that everyone's aware of this decision (it was announced in December, but didn't come to the public's awareness until February), no one can pinpoint just how it was made or who made it.

It seems that the whole process was a mishmash of mixed messages from the province to the tourism directors who

scrambled to align themselves as though playing a giant game of tourism Twister.

It only confused things more.

watt

Because that game of Twister has created the impression with the province that Haliburton wanted to be part of Ottawa Valley. In fact, there are documents with our county office's name on them, declaring support for this alignment.

Whether the county actually endorsed that plan is muddy, like everything else in this situation. Staff claims that they sat at many tables while the decision was being made.

Unfortunately, these multiple alliances ended up confusing the issue, placing us in a situation we don't want.

A due honour

Robert McCausland's been gone for 18 years.

There are kids who have lived their whole lives in Gooderham without having ever met him, though they may have heard his name here and there.

Thanks to Highlands East council, they will know it. Renaming the Glamorgan Community Centre after him seems past due, but is nevertheless a great honour to bestow on a dedicated public servant.



Ice wall

Photo by Chad Ingram

Father Time on line one

charlie =

teljeur

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, my life ended last Tuesday, about 10 after nine if I remember correctly. I opened my copy of the *Echo* and there I was in the old Pic of the Past. OK technically I wasn't in the actual picture but not only did I know most of the women in the photo but every single one of them was younger than me (prob-

ably still are).

So in a few short years I have gone from having a future to living in the present to being a documented testament to the past. As I said my life is over – at least a certain portion of it is.

I know some of the readers, more senior than I, are at home, witnessing this, either advising me to (a) shut it down and suck it up, sunshine or (b) shut up and join the club (I'm still getting yelled at, at my age?).

I believe the key to coping with aging is in being able to rationalize it away. It is just a photo after all. As soon as you take one you're instantly history aren't you, even if it was just five minutes ago? This is just a case of a lot five minute increments adding up.

Part of me saw it coming, mind you. I noticed the occasional grey hair, although at the

time, I was convinced it was youthful blonde returning for an encore. And while there's still a healthy mane of hair on my head I've noticed a lot more sneak attacks lately in my nostrils and ears, almost as if your body's convinced it can stop aging by sealing all the exits.

I do squint a lot more now – I'll admit that

- which means I'll soon go from having the eyes of a sailor to the eyes of a skipper. I've heard crow's feet are considered sexy and not just by other crows.

All in all I think I still retain most of my other skills and traits, which is a positive. I run a little slower than I used to but I believe that's more about efficiency than it is about breaking down. I mean, have you ever seen a puppy chase a tennis ball? He's all over the map, probably add-

ing dozens of extra strides to his pursuit of the ball. That's just not smart.

Best of all my brain seems to be fully intact. Motor skills are good. I'm wiser. And my memory is top notch.

Prime example of that, last week I was looking the *Echo* and I saw a picture of these women.

Wait, have I told you this one already?

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Shell games

WALKED INTO OUR HOUSE just after the deal had closed. My wife was smiling and counting her coins. Our neighbour was happily leaving with a carton of fresh eggs.

"Sell another dozen?" I asked casually.

She looked at me with the sure and steady confidence of a small time egg magnate.

"These eggs," she said, "practically sell themselves."

"Of course they do at those prices," I smirked.

"What's wrong with my prices?" she said. "They're fair."

That was exactly my point. All those years in the egg business and she hadn't learned the first thing about sales. It was almost too much to bear. "You'll never get ahead if you don't up sell," I advised.

tales from



steve galea

"What exactly are you talking about?" she asked.

I then proceeded to instruct her in the finer points of sales.

"OK," I began, "let's pretend you want to buy these eggs from me."

"Alright," she said, "here's you're money."

"Whoa!" I said, handing it back. "That's not a how a transaction like this should work. Buying eggs shouldn't just be an exercise in commerce. It should be a total consumer experience, an adventure in retail."

I then opened the egg carton dramatically, so that she could look under the hood. Then, I walked her around it slowly and explained that she was looking at one dozen grade-A large eggs, fresh from the factory this morning. "They're made right here in Canada," I boasted. "Chocked full of omega three too."

"Great, I'll buy them," she smiled.

"Good. Have a seat," I said, walking her to my office. I then tore off a page from a notepad and handed her a pen. "I want you to write me an offer on that sheet, fold it up, and pass it over to me."

She did so. Needless to say, she was trying to low-ball me.

I shook my head and giggled softly, then wrote down another number, folded the sheet and passed it back.

"But that's 50 cents more than I sell them for," she exclaimed.

"Look," I said, "if we have to quibble about this, then you obviously can't afford this particular line. Perhaps I can interest you in a dozen medium sized eggs? Something a little more blue collar..."

"I can afford these just fine," she snapped.

"Good," I replied. "Now what kind of carton would you like?" "I'll take that one," she said.

"OK, look, I just don't see you in this line of eggs," I said curtly. "I mean these are top of the line organic grade A large – they deserve a state of the art Styrofoam carton, perhaps even clear plastic. You're doing them a disservice with that... that corrugated one..."

"But..."

"It's OK. No need to be embarrassed. I have a young professional couple that's interested in them anyhow. I was holding them off but obviously....Let's just say that they can afford the finer things."

"Wait!" She said tearing off a page from my notepad and scribbling furiously on it. "How about this?"

"Well," I said, "you drive a hard bargain. But, you know, I like you. So let me just take this over to my manager and we'll see what she thinks." Five minutes later, I returned with a smile.

"You know," I chuckled, "she says I'm crazy to accept this offer. It really leaves me no wiggle room for commission. Heck it hardly covers the shipping and freight. But I like you and I want to earn your business..."

She handed me \$4.50.

"I don't mean to pressure you. But have you considered purchasing an extended warranty?" I asked.

"No," she answered.

"But what if you fall on the way to the fridge?"

She put down the eggs, took back her money, and stomped out of the room. Next time, I think I'll try the soft shell.



pic of the past

ary Pearsell, left, and Mary Salvatori are this week's pic of the past. This photo was taken sometime in the '70s or '80s while the ladies cooked up a spaghetti dinner.

letters to the editor

MP should rethink sending more mail

To the Editor,

I just got another mailing from our MP who is apparently starting on his second \$80,000 in "free" mailings to ever single mailbox in the riding. Curiously, one side was all about H1N1 flu – the same day that Ontario's doctor in charge of such things says that flu is all over across Canada.

What is really interesting, while Mr. Devolin is spending our tax dollars to also boast about what they are wasting our money on, I am told that MPs

are actually only entitled to four free mailings per calendar year! Either the House of Commons post office can't count, doesn't care, or has had pressure put on it by Mr. Harper. I am pretty sure our MP isn't footing the bill!

As a life-long PC, it is distressing to see what this Alliance-Reform version of the Conservatives has been doing in Ottawa.

Harvey Clarke Donald

Thank you seems so inadequate

To the Editor,

On Sunday, Feb. 7, a fire destroyed our guest loft and garage.

Without warning our quiet Sunday brunch turned into a battle to save our building and protect our home. Facing a house fire with a garden hose is both ineffective and frightening. And yet those traumatic moments have opened our eyes to an even more profound truth of life in Haliburton. The response and support of everyone from our fire department to our neighbours and friends has been overwhelming. No sound is sweeter than that of fire engine sirens when they are coming to

save you. And it's not strangers in fire suits who arrive, but neighbours and friends who volunteer and train to put themselves in danger to help us all. To those first responders our deepest thanks. Our community is fortunate to benefit from your courage and dedication and I publicly thank and salute you.

Before this fire was out our phone was filled with messages of concern from neighbours and friends offering comfort, support and help in every way imaginable. There are many benefits to living in a small town and they are never more evident than

See We didn't page 8

MORE LETTERS FROM READERS

Did everyone get the point?

To the Editor,

Again I write to you. Apparently my previous letter wasn't pointed enough, so I'm getting more to the point with this one.

These wolves have changed. They are dangerous. Public safety was and is my point. They are attacking people, they are eating pets, they are chasing snowmobiles. Who better to warn the public than the media, the politicians whose mandate (I believe) is to keep our county safe?

At least a few got the point, thank you Reeve Fearrey.

At least MNR, Dr. Brent Patterson admits

this behaviour is unusual, although he doesn't know the reasons why. But, there is evidence of an increase in aggressive wolf behaviour, and not just in Fort Irwin, Ont.

So with my point made this time, hopefully, I'll add a question.

Why are we protecting a potentially dangerous predator, that has shown increasingly aggressive tendencies towards humans in the last four years? Perhaps a more focused wolf management approach would be a reasonable solution.

Kim Roberts Haliburton



Dear Honourable Michael Chan

I would like to share my concerns regarding the new proposed regions created by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism.

As a full-time resident of Haliburton County for the past eight years and a seasonal resident prior to that, I have an intimate knowledge of the Haliburton Highlands and surrounding regions.

I have been involved with a local not-forprofit volunteer community radio station (Canoe FM) since inception in July of '03 in an advertising sales capacity which takes me all over the Highlands and beyond.

I spent the previous 30 years in the hospitality industry during which time I was self-employed running a Toronto based hotel and resort representation business (Distinctive Hotels and Resorts Inc.).

Our mandate back then was to steer group business eg. meetings, conferences, conventions, etc. to the properties in our portfolio many of which were located in Southern Ontario. In doing so with our clients we would address the distinct nuances between meeting in the Haliburton Highlands versus Muskoka versus the Ottawa Valley area each of which remain totally

different to this day.

Since then, a great deal of time, money and effort has been collectively spent on what has become a highly successful branding campaign ie. Haliburton Highlands – A Natural Work of Art.

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I therefore sincerely believe that it would be in everyone's interest for the Haliburton Highlands to partner with Region 8 (Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough, the counties of Peterborough and Northumberland) with whom we have more in common versus the dramatically different regional alignments as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration on this most important issue from a concerned constituent.

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I'm not doing farmers' market again

To the Editor,

As a vendor who supported the Haliburton farmers' market by renting non-food producer booth space I have a few things to say and a few questions to ask Reeve Fearrey.

First, I for one did not even make my booth rental fees during the entire period the market was open, I did the market to support the efforts of the group. I can say that most if not all of the non-produce vendors are in the same boat.

I believe that every artisan booth was from the county of Haliburton and I can assure the reeve that my pieces DO NOT compete with any store or business in the town. My questions are these, exactly how many concerns did Reeve Fearrey get and

from who?

Another question I have is, will this fee be charged to EVERY vendor at the Art in the Park show this summer, well over 100 of which are from out of town?

In my opinion the reeve and council should be doing everything in their power to support the market and stop throwing roadblocks in the way.

These are my own questions and comments and have nothing to do with the farmers' market board position. I for one will not be doing the Haliburton farmers' market for a second year although I would have had this fee issue not come up.

Robin Simpson Tory Hill

We didn't lose what counts

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in a time of personal crisis. Thank you all for your caring and support.

Further, I would be remiss not to thank our neighbours and friends, Bruce and Doreen Lemon who exemplify the very best of Haliburton values. Our lost buildings and possessions can always be replaced. These feelings of unity and support will never be lost and could never be replaced.

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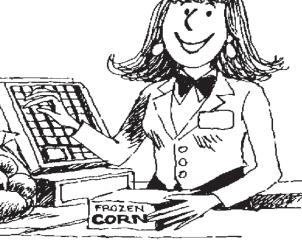
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Haliburton COUNTY news

HEALTH CARE

Ultrasound machines coming back

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

It looks like ultrasound will be returning to Haliburton County.

At a Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting last week, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told board members that ultrasound technology could be available at the Haliburton HHHS facility as soon as the end of March.

While the facility did provide ultrasound services for a number of years, for more than two years now, pregnant women from the area have had to travel to facilities in Lindsay or Peterborough for updates on their fetuses.

"It was a technology and cost issue," Rosebush said of the decision to remove the machines, which took place before his tenure began.

Rosebush said he has been in conversation with an ultrasound clinic that would provide services at the Haliburton facility one or two days a week.

"It's a gap that we wanted to fill," he said, explaining that technology has evolved to the point where it is feasible for HHHS to bring back ultrasound.

Rosebush would not name the ultrasound clinic since the deal is still in the works, but sounded confident that it would go ahead.

He said the community would benefit since pregnant women will not have to travel so far for ultrasounds.

"It will be less disruptive to people's lives," he

Hospital doubled staff to deal with outbreak

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same period.

Rosebush said that for five or six days during the week of Feb. 15, up to 80 per cent of patients and residents at the Haliburton facility became infected.

He said staff tried their best to keep infected patients separate from the rest of the population and said cleanup staff were doubled for the week.

There were also outbreaks at facilities in Bobcaygeon and Lindsay, Rosebush said.



Another successful ball

The Dorset Snow Ball did not disappoint the weekend of Feb. 20. The day was as good as ever, with hot air balloon rides, kids games, llamas, ice hockey, and of course, the always photogenic town crier. Photo by Chad Ingram.

HEALTH CARE

Rural issues know no borders

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Haliburton County is by no means the only rural community facing myriad challenges in the provision of health care, in Canada, or south of the border.

At a Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on Feb. 25, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush gave members a presentation exploring rural health-care trends in the United States.

The digital presentation was actually created by Terry Hill, the executive director of the Rural Health Resource Center in Duluth, Minn., whom Rosebush had met at a conference.

"Our challenges are not restricted to our LHIN (Local Health Integration Network), our province or our country," Rosebush said.

Those challenges include an aging baby boomer population putting increased demand on health-care institutions, a shortage of health-care professionals and facing reduced revenues and increased operating costs.

"Costs are going up everywhere, not just in Canada," Rosebush said.

He said the mission for Haliburton County was very similar to that of rural American areas – increasing access to health care while concentrating costs.

"This board knows that's what we talk about every month," he said.

Some solutions being looked at here and in the U.S. include electronic medical records and telemedicine ports.

HHHS is already equipped with telemedicine ports, two-way screens that allow far-off specialists to consult with patients.

"We're not quite at the electronic medical records stage yet because of LHIN funding limitations," Rosebush said, adding that electronic records improve efficiency because they mean less travelling for patients and reduce the chance of error due to illegible handwriting.

Rosebush said nearly 50,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S. due to medical error and while Canada's numbers are nowhere near that high, he pointed to two accidental mastectomies in Windsor earlier this week as proof we are not immune to the problem.

The presentation included other general statistics, such as the fact that the U.S. spends more per capita on health care than Canada.

American per capita health-care costs are approximately \$7,000, while in Canada, that number is \$4,000.

Despite the bigger payout, America's health-care system is ranked 37th in the world according to the WHO, while Canada's is ranked 30th.

SOUND OF MUSIC

Second year of winter folk camp all set to go

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

A lot of folks will be revisiting the ABCs of the dore-mis this weekend, as the second reincarnation of the Haliburton Folk Society's very popular Winter Folk Camp slides centre stage beginning this Friday at YWCA Camp Wanakita.

The mentoring cast at Winter Folk Camp II (March 5-8) – a four day excursion destined to channel one's inner lyrical child – is studded with a staggering panoply of sweet-sounding, lilting, mellifluous and rhythmic stars.

The camp hopes to deliver a shared experience based upon an old musical paradigm that says we ultimately learn best in an open, convivial and cordial environment.

Call it a vivid Socratic sojourn into an open agora of percussion, guitar, fiddle, voice and harmony. It's above all a forum for sharing what you know, and learning from the guys and girls that really know.

If last year's successful Winter Folk Camp I is anything to go by, the students who have signed into this head-bending crank of a four-day weekend will come out of the experience with a whole new appreciation for their instrument, their voice, and their own capacities for making music.

And of course the orchestrated drum, strum, snap, crackle, and pop is what Winter Folk Camp II is all

about.

The students come to learn, but they also come to play, both literally and figuratively.

Mornings start with breakfast and yoga, and in between workshops on percussion, songwriting, guitar improvement and singing, you may want to take a walk in the woods on snowshoes or cross country skis, aided and abetted by some of the trustworthy guides and staff from Camp Wanakita located about eight kilometres from Haliburton off County Road 1.

This year's event features an all-star musical contingent – including Ian Tamblyn, songwriting, Rodrigo Chavez, percussion, Linda Morrison, chorals, Cindy Thompson-Butineau, Celtic fiddle, and Eve Goldberg and Paul Mills, guitar. Mills is known to some as Curly Boy Stubbs, who became famous under that moniker while playing guitar for Canadian folk legend Stan Rogers. Chavez, Morrison, Thompson-Butineau and Goldberg are all well-known performers and mentors, the perfect mix for such an eclectic and musically revitalizing event. Tamblyn, who will take on the songwriting portion of the camp is a bona-fide Canadian composer and songwriter.

Sean Pennylegion is the artistic director of Winter Folk camp II and he says that so far arrangements are well in hand to accommodate the influx of visitors to the county, most of whom will be staying in residence at Camp Wanakita for the duration of the four-day camp.

Like last year, Pennylegion says that the participants come from all walks of life, with varying skill sets. Some

are coming to feather some new licks, and some are just coming to learn something new, expand their appreciation, and maybe gain some insight. Others are coming for the concerts, camaraderie and of course the evening ceilidhs, and that's just fine too, says Pennylegion.

The laid-back, but detail-oriented artistic director says that the workshops and in-house jams are all tightly wrapped and organized, and he says that plans are also set for the community participation concerts or ceilidhs (pronounced kay-lee) scheduled for 8 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday nights (March 6 and 7).

"We're offering the concerts, modeled on the popular east coast kitchen party," says Pennylegion. The concerts are open, licensed [wine and beer] and will feature some spiffy set design coaxed from the loving and painstaking artistic noggin of Erin Lynch, who when she's not whipping up a spiffy stage model of a Cape Breton farmhouse kitchen, works as a member of the popular Art Hive Co-op out on Hwy. 118 just west of Haliburton.

Pennylegion says that Lynch's set for the two ceilidhs is simply extraordinary and will add to the vibrancy, ambiance and atmosphere of the twin bill concerts.

So what's a ceilidh (pronounced "kay-lee")? A ceilidh is a throwback to an old Gaelic tradition. It's an Irish kitchen party where friends gather to celebrate, sing, play, and occasionally sin. Old Father O'Reilly used to

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SOUND OF MUSIC

Rambling country kitchen may rekindle memories

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The ceilidhs are open to the public and in fact Pennylegion is hoping that people come early, so they can get to know some of the visitors and musicians involved. They start at 8 p.m. sharp and will go just past 10 p.m.

Admission for a splendid night of entertainment is \$20, but Haliburton Folk Society members will only be charged \$15.

Tickets are available at the Internet Café in Haliburton, at the copy center in downtown Minden or by calling Pennylegion at 457-1174.

Pennylegion says that there are some limited spots still available for the Folk camp itself, but he says that for those who just can't commit to the four-day camp, attendance at the ceilidhs would provide a glimpse and perhaps pave the way for enrolment at the Winter Folk Camp III in 2011.

Ceilidhs will feature performances by all six professional facilitators at this year's camp.

On Saturday night Tamblyn, Morrison

and Chavez will take the stage. Opening act for Saturday night is a well-known presence here in the Highlands, Albert John Saxby.

On Sunday, Curly Boy Stubbs (Mills), Goldberg and Thompson-Butineau will be the featured performers. Opening for them on Sunday will be a surprising quartet of local performers that includes Sue Shikaze, Tom Lambert, Ed Poropat, and Myrna McBrien.

Now these people have all graduated to other careers, but Pennylegion says that just about 20 years ago, in another incarnation, they opened for Mose Scarlett at the Carnarvon Bowl.

Pennylegion says to bring that open mind and Highlands spirit for two nights of fun at Camp Wanakita in a rambling country kitchen setting that may rekindle some fond family memories.

The website is up at winterfolkcamp. com. For info contact Pennylegion at 457-1174.

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The Dysart Fire Department has recently purchased new water/ ice rescue equipment with money from two sources.

\$1,000 was raised at Frost Fest selling beaver tails. This money was used to purchase new rescue ropes, floater suits and a harness. Pictured right: Jon Consack and Kevin Sicard show off the new equipment.

The Dysart Fire Department received donations in lieu of flowers for the late William Scott, a retired fire fighter from Toronto. The money was used to purchase a new rescue boat. Below, members of the fire department stand behind the boat.

Submitted by Miles Maughan





LOCAL SERVICES

Tax clinic information

It's that time of year again. Here are your volunteer tax preparer's dates, locations and times.

Minden: Unfortunately, due to back injuries, Tiia Billing will still not be able to travel to Minden this year.

If you will bring your return to Haliburton she will still be happy to do your return through that site.

Haliburton:

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton Branch 129, 719 Mountain Street

Date: Every Tuesday commencing Feb. 23 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Time: Feb. 23 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Following that date every Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon

You can call Tiia at (705) 447-2462 Wilberforce: Marlene Watson Location: Royal Canadian Legion

Wilberforce Branch
Date: Every Wednesday commencing
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Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

You can call Marlene at (705) 448-2266 The last week for bringing your return in to be prepared will be April 18 in Haliburton and April 19 in Wilberforce. COLLEGE COURSES

Fleming to launch new renovations program

College expands sustainable skills program portfolio at Haliburton campus

Fleming College is expanding its program offerings in sustainability skills with the launch of a new sustainable renovations program in September 2010.

Offered at Fleming's Haliburton Campus, this program is designed to produce graduates skilled in using current and emerging green building technologies in response to the construction industry's need for skilled workers adept at using the new energysaving techniques.

The new 16-week intensive program was crafted to complement the college's successful sustainable building and design program. Since its inception, students in that program have completed five sustainable building projects as part of the student learning experience. The most recent project was the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre.

"The new sustainable renovations program will help graduates to be among the leaders of the rapidly growing sustainable renovation industry. Healthy, energy-efficient renovations are being demanded by homeowners, and the industry is now responding. This program will give people the training they need to fill this growing demand and help make our existing building stock less of a burden on owners and the planet," said Ted Brandon, training officer at the Haliburton Campus.

Chris Magwood, an award-winning designer, author and leader in the field of straw-bale construction, will be the coordinator of the program.

The program offers students a complete experience of the renovation process, from applying for permits and reading contacts to learning different building techniques that will leave less of an impact on the environment.

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It was a night of bidding wars at the Haliburton Curling Club on Feb. 27 as people battled it out for a number of desirable items at the Rotary Club's annual auction.

The club received \$23,000 worth of goods donated to the event, including a 50-inch LG plasma television, tickets to see the Toronto Maple Leafs and a signed Matt Duchene jersey, among other things.

According to club member Kim Emmerson, the evening brought in a total of \$13,000, with 91 people in attendance.

Funds raised at the event will go to support the club's many community projects, such as the Haliburton youth centre and the upkeep of the pavilion at Head Lake park.

By Angelica Blenich



Marilyn and Jim Frost had their paddles ready to go at the annual Rotary Club auction held at the Haliburton Curling Club on Feb. 27. The evening's event included 21 live auction items and a variety of silent auction items.

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Participants at the annual Rotary auction survey the large selection of silent auction items available at the event.

HEALTH H1N1 vaccination costs to top initial estimates

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The health unit estimates that costs surrounding the H1N1 vaccination program total \$1.224 million.

Information released prior to Christmas estimated the program had cost the

According to Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit, the latest figure, which was presented to the health unit's board on Feb. 18, encompasses a variety of factors involving the vaccination program that the original figure did not include.

"In December [when the \$90,000 figure was released] I was keeping track of our costs but not our staffing costs," explains Noseworthy. "That cost included aspects such as advertising, rental, transportation, extra staffing, etc. So that figure would have been where we were at that point in time regarding these aspects."

According to Noseworthy, the latest figure was calculated by the health unit over the past two months and includes a variety of additional factors.

"Our work consisted of three broad areas of work," says Dr. Noseworthy. "One the vaccine, which we received from the province and had to have repackaged into smaller amounts. We then provided the vaccine to our delivery agents, which include our physicians, hospitals, community health centres, and we also put on vaccination clinics. Those were our vaccination costs."

"The travel was costly as well. Our area is quite large. Our geographic area is 9,000 square kilometres."

"We also carried out what's called surveillance, which refers to the monitoring of data from a variety of sources," says Noseworthy. "So we were monitoring the number of cases of people who had H1N1 who reported to us. We were monitoring school absenteeism, and we were also collecting data from our delivery agents in regard to how many doses of vaccine were given."

"The third broad area that we were doing work in was in the area of communication," says Noseworthy. "So that was doing media interviews, buying advertising, etc. so that people knew where they could access the vaccine."

After these areas of costs were ana-

lyzed, the health unit also faced the task of calculating salary costs.

"We had to collect all the information that pertained to those three activities," she says, "and we have about 135 staff in our health unit, we have five offices, so over all of our offices, periodically throughout the fall staff who would have ordinarily been doing other things were reallocated to doing activities to deal with H1N1. So we had to capture all of their time and submit a compilation of all those data to the province.

"Most of the staff we had working on the H1N1 were already on salary so we just had to capture the cost of their salary in another way," explains Noseworthy. "So the overall amount of time spent and the other costs that went along with providing our response added up to \$1.224 million."

Fortunately the health unit will not be responsible for funding that staggering figure on its own.

'Of that \$1.224 million, the province is going to pay us \$10 per dose of the vaccine that the [health unit] provided to the public," says Noseworthy. "So we gave about 25,100 doses of vaccine, and our delivery agents gave over 22,000 doses. So in total there were over 47,000 people immunized throughout our geographic

The total number of doses equals approximately a quarter of a million dollars. According to Noseworthy, overhead costs calculated by the health unit will also be partially covered by the Ministry of Health.

"We will be receiving from the province \$251,000 for the doses that we actually administered," she says. "The difference between what it cost us and our overall budget and the extra \$251,000 is about \$47,000. So we will be submitting a bill to the province for an additional \$47,000."

The numbers, although significant, are not far off from other county health

Now that the H1N1 vaccination program is complete, overall costs are beginning to trickle in allowing the unit to compare their costs to other units.

"From what I understand the cost of providing the vaccine program was comparable to other health units," says Dr. Noseworthy. "I've seen one or two media releases regarding other comparable units who are in the range of \$1.3- to \$1.4-million, so we're in the ballpark."



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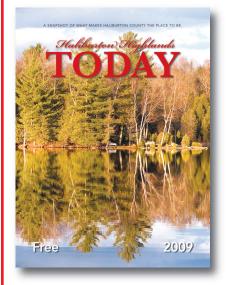
ONTARIO CUP

Haliburton cross-country skiers performed well against some of the toughest competition in Ontario as the Haliburton Ski Club hosted the final Ontario Cup at Glebe Park on Feb. 27 and 28. Saturday featured the free (or skate) technique race. Haliburton skiers brought home the gold this day as Jack and Christine Simpson took first place in the Master Men and Master Women categories. Meanwhile their son, Jonah, took first place in the Midget category for 11 and 12 yearolds. Other notable local performances on Saturday were turned in by Emily Turner, Christine Bishop, Betty Paton and Del and Brynn Meyers.

Sunday brought excitement as racers used the classic technique in mass-start races. Again Haliburton was represented by Betty Paton, Del and Byrnn Meyers.



Skier Andy Shields recently returned from Germany where he represented Canada in the World Junior Championships. Shields placed 42 out of 108 competitors in his best race at the tournament. Skiing since the age of three, Shields hopes to compete for Canada in the 2018 Olympics.



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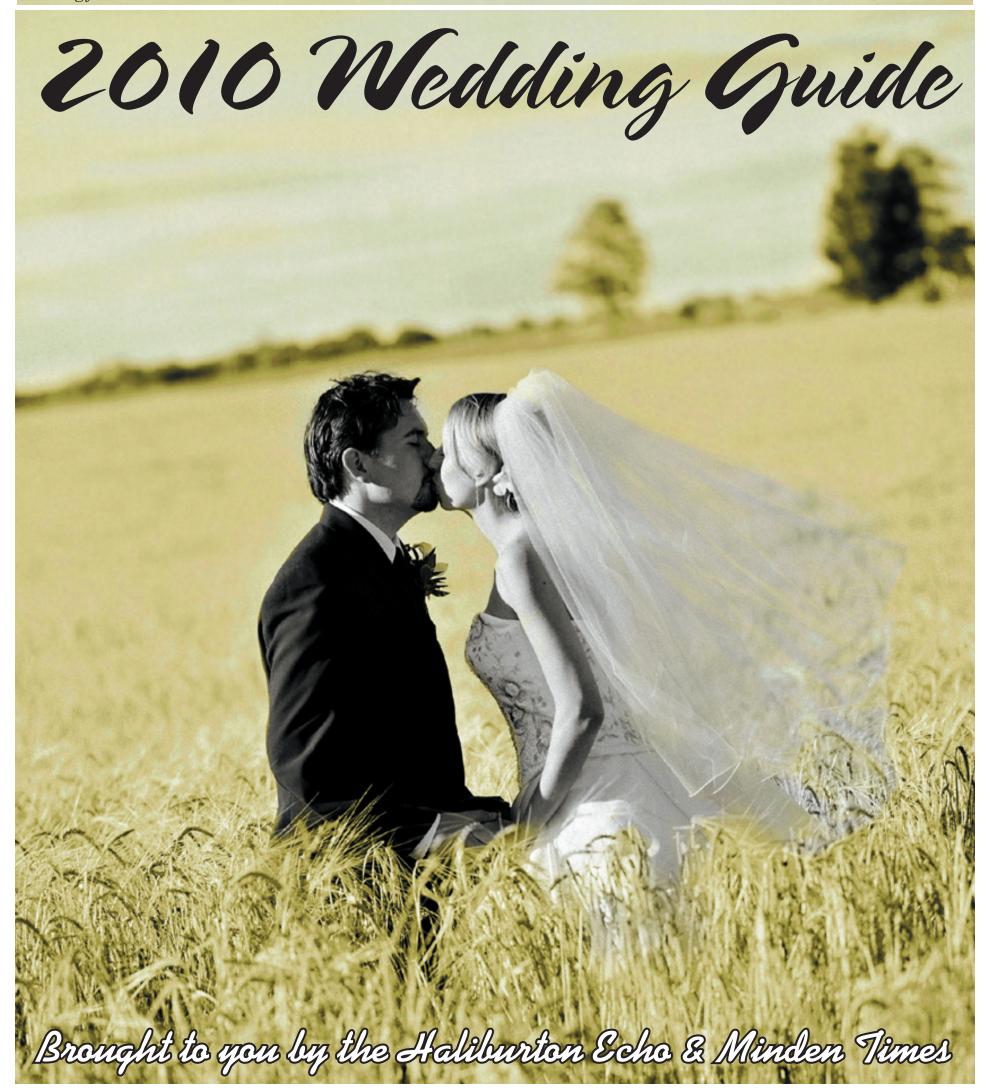
Haliburton Forest hosted its 21st annual poker run Feb. 20 in support of the Dysart fire department.

More than \$10,000 was raised by 587 participants in the run.

"We flipped a lot of pancakes that day," said Dave Bishop, who staffed the Forest's booth. Other stops included Vince and Cathy Lancia's, Kennisis Lake Lodge and Windemere Cottages.

The winning hand of the day was a full house held by Sharon and Glenn Fraser of Redstone Lake.

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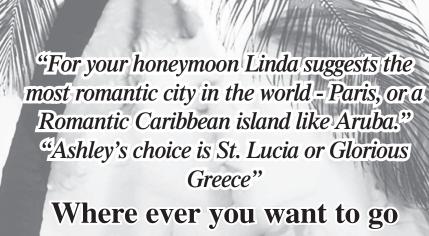








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To help you get a better understanding of how to plan a wedding and when you should be making certain decisions, here's a timeframe you can follow that should ensure that your wedding goes off as smoothly as possible.

10 to 12 Months Before

If you haven't done it already, this is a good time to announce your engagement and introduce your respective families. Since most reception halls and churches have busy wedding schedules, it is also important to book both as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance of your wedding day. It's also a good idea to start putting together a guest list around this time and ask your parents whom they'd like to invite as well. Also, since your budget will determine just about every aspect of your wedding, sitting down and determining what you can spend, and developing a savings plan should be first and foremost.

6 to 9 Months Before

This is the time when you want to start booking some services, such as a florist, caterer, a DJ/band, and a photographer. However, some of the more experienced DJs and bands as well as photographers might have their schedules booked a year in advance, so this might be something you'll want to consider doing shortly after you get engaged and choose a date. Also, this is a good time to inform any guests who will be traveling significant distances of the date of your wedding. The earlier your guests can book a flight, the less expensive that flight will be.

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4 to 5 Months Before

This is a good time to decide on wedding invitations, of which there are many styles to choose from. Also, now is ideal to start hunting for a wedding cake by sampling a number of different bakeries and their style of cakes before ultimately making a decision. Just to be sure, confirm that all of the bridesmaids have ordered their gowns and start looking for a tuxedo for the groom as well as the groomsmen. If you haven't done so already, purchase your wedding rings and let any other people you'd like to participate in your wedding (ushers, readers during the ceremony, etc.) know of your intentions.

2 to 3 Months Before

Finalize your guest list and mail out your invitations. If your guest list includes a considerable amount of people who are spread out geographically, mail the invitations as close to 12 weeks in advance as possible. This is also a good time to finalize your menu choices for your guests, and find all your wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, candles, etc. Also, since it is tradition to provide gifts for those in the wedding party as well as the parents of the bride and groom, this is a good time to decide on and purchase those gifts. Just to be safe, confirm that all groomsmen have ordered their tuxedos and finalize all transportation, both to and from the wedding and to the airport for your honeymoon.

1 to 2 Months Before

Schedule the first bridal-gown fitting. Also finalize the readings you'd prefer during the ceremony and mail them out to anyone who has agreed to do a reading. If your family prefers to host a small gathering for close family and friends after the wedding rehearsal, the night before the wedding, this is a good time to order any food or drinks you might want to serve that night, or make a restaurant reservation.

3 to 4 Weeks Before

Confirm your honeymoon arrangements and see if your wedding rings are ready. This is also when you should get your marriage license and check the guest list to see who has and hasn't RSVP'd. For those who have yet to RSVP, you might want to contact them so you can get a closer idea of what the head count will be. You should also prepare and order your wedding program around this time.

1 to 2 Weeks Before

Get a final attendance count and submit it to the caterer as soon as you know of it, while also providing a final seating chart. Pick up the wedding gown and tuxedo. Make sure the wedding party picks up their attire. Also, finalize your vows and confirm all wedding-day details such as transportation, photo schedules, and addresses. And don't forget to pack for your honeymoon.

The Day Before

This is mainly when you rehearse for the ceremony and make any final confirmations you might have to make. Also, make sure to get some sleep so you'll look good in all of your wedding-day photos.

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Finding the Right hall for your reception

Weddings can be a very complicated endeavor to pull off. Far more than pulling on fancy clothes, strolling down the aisle and saying, "I do," a successful wedding is a testament to a couple's ability to plan and juggle multiple tasks.

One of the biggest tasks a couple must handle is choosing a reception hall. Since most couples choose a religious facility based on where they attend services or where they attended growing up, that decision is often easier than choosing where the couple and their guests will go to let loose once the ceremony's over. Couples facing the dilemma of where to host their post-wedding party should



ask the following questions when on the hunt for a reception hall:

- When is the hall available? If you've already chosen a wedding date, this is obviously the most important question to ask. If you haven't pinned down a date yet, perhaps a favorite hall's availability can help you determine when to walk down the aisle. Just remember that many houses of worship frown on picking a date and booking with a reception hall without securing the ceremony first.
- How much? With the escalating costs of weddings these days, this should be the question you ask immediately after learning of the hall's availability. It's also good to have a number in mind with respect to how much you can spend on the reception.

It's also wise to ask what's included in the fee. Some halls, believe it or not, charge extra for tables, chairs and linens.

- What is the capacity? If your wedding party is going to be large, there's no sense in driving to a locale that can't accommodate larger crowds.
- What about the catering? Some reception halls insist customers use their kitchen staff, while others allow outside caterers to come in. Oftentimes, halls that require on-site staff do the cooking also require a minimum number of guests. In addition, those that permit private caterers might charge extra to allow kitchen usage to outside vendors.
- What service styles are available? Food and drinks can be served cocktail style, formal, or buffet style.
- How can drinks be served? The bar service can range from a full open bar (often the most expensive) to only certain drinks offered at the open bar (i.e., beer is open bar, mixed drinks cost guests per drink) to individuals paying for their own drinks all night, called a cash bar.
- How late is the reception hall open? Most reception halls will stay open until around midnight before informing guests it's closing time. Some halls, however, might close earlier. Make sure it's spelled out in your contract.
- What is the refund policy? This can be an important question to ask in the unfortunate case an emergency arises and the wedding is moved or the couple calls off the wedding.

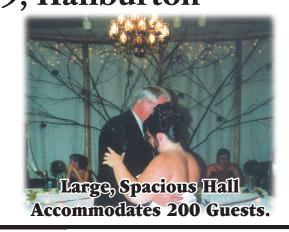


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THEMED WEDDINGS:

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Subtle, cohesive touches can impart a themed feel to a wedding without being over-the-top.



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been thinking about their ideal wedding for years. Some may have strong ideas about wedding ideas, complete with scrapbooks featuring color schemes and wardrobe choices.

Themed weddings have grown in popularity -- as couples want to do what they can to set their event apart from the scores of other weddings guests have attended. The key to themed weddings is to create a balance between tradition and elements that tie into the theme. This way the wedding is classy instead of over-the-top ... unless, however, over-the-top is what's desired.

- ∼ Decide on your theme: Develop a clear idea of what you'd like the theme to be. Themes can range from tie-ins to seasons to specific interests, such as sports or hobbies, to a particular color scheme. Once you have a firm concept of your theme, you can plan and shop around it. For the purpose of illustration, let's use a winter theme as an example.
- Introduce your theme with stationery: Your save-the-date cards or wedding invitations will present the theme to your guests, and could be the building block for the entire wedding. A winter-themed wedding may feature a whimsical font of swirly patterned type evoking the feel of winter wind. Delicate polka-dots could hint at falling snow. Avoid snowmen and ski boots.
- Keep it simple: A winter theme may be achieved simply with color. Draperies, flowers, seat covers, table linens, etc. in a frosty blue, silver or white will touch upon the feel of winter. There's no need to clutter up the space with nicknacks that make the theme overwhelming.

- Remember, you want the event to still be traditional, with touches of the theme throughout.
- Choose an accent: There may be one concept of your theme that you'd like to build upon, such as snowflakes. However, instead of paper snowflakes hanging from the ceiling, which would be more reminiscent of a classroom instead of a reception room, think about other subtle ways to incorporate the accent. Delicate doilies under the china could hint at snowflakes. Italian pizzelle cookies dusted with powdered sugar look like snowflakes and are very tasty. Instead of Jordan almonds in favors, use large nonpareils. Ask the venue to create a signature cocktail that's white and frosty.

Rely on flowers and lighting: Flowers, foliage and other natural accents can add a special touch to your wedding. Nature provides so many different hued and shaped flowers that can work effortlessly into your theme. Hydrangea or snowball plants (also called Guelder rose) form large puffs of flowers that resemble snowballs and are aptly named. Delicate alyssum and even the common baby's breath can be tucked into floral arrangements to add a snowflake appeal.

Lighting is something couples often overlook. Famed party planner David Tutera often uses lighting to set the mood at the events he plans. Changing the color or the scope of the lighting for different parts of your reception can create different moods.

Choose festive foods: Foods don't necessarily need to look like themed elements (mashed potato ski slopes). However, you can touch on the theme by using seasonal foods such as winter squashes, hearty foods or seasonal fruits.

Creating a theme doesn't have to be ostentatious or evoke feelings of a kids' birthday party. Subtle touches that are cohesive will provide the desired mood.









When establishing a wedding budget, couples should be mindful of what they hope to offer their guests at the reception.



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But how can a couple establish and stick to a budget? Doing so depends on each individual couple, how much they can spend and what they're willing to sacrifice for their big day.

Establishing a Budget

Wedding budgets can vary greatly depending on the couple and the type of wedding they desire. A wedding budget should be established as far in advance as possible.

When setting the budget, it's best to determine exactly how much you can spend, and then set the budget lower than that. For example, if the most you can afford is \$25,000, set your budget at \$22,000. This will allow you some wiggle room when the inevitable happens and you're forced to go over budget.

Monitor Your Spending

Once a budget has been determined, a good way for couples to adhere to that budget is to establish a separate wedding spending account. This account should be separate from personal accounts, and all wedding expenses should be drawn solely from this wedding account. This is a good way to monitor how much you're spending, and your monthly statement will provide an itemized list of how much is being deposited and spent.

Be Ready to Spend More

Regardless of how well you've planned the wedding, you're going to end up spending more than your initial budget allowed. This happens for a number of reasons, ranging from overtime fees at the reception to tipping the vendors to larger guest lists than you might have originally intended.

Prepare for the inevitable overspending by cutting back on other expenses leading up to the big day. Rather than going out to dinner on weekends, make a homecooked meal to save some money. Instead of costly trips to a night club, invite friends over for the night. You'll be surprised how much these subtle lifestyle changes can save you.

Stick to Your Guns

While you should be prepared to spend more, that extra spending should be saved for things such as tipping the staff and possibly paying more for an additional guest or two. Where couples should be budget-cautious is when vendors try to up-sell services. For example, while a top-shelf bar might be a nice gesture, it can be considerably more expensive than just offering beer at your reception, and letting your guests pay for liquor.

If a vendor tries to up-sell, couples should not hold that against the vendor. After all, that is the vendor's job. Instead, prioritize what you want before you go visit any vendors. You're much more likely to be happy with your selections.

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Leading up to their big day, couples have lots to worry about before they finally get to walk down the aisle as man and wife. The trials and tribulations of planning a wedding is no small task, as even the most minor details must be accounted for.

Such is the case with the floral arrangements. Though not a minor detail in any way, preparing a wedding day floral arrangement does have its minor details, particularly when it comes to the more individual aspects of a floral plan. For instance, the following components must be considered when devising a floral plan.

- * The bridal bouquet. It's tradition for bridal bouquets to contain white or cream-colored flowers such as stephanotis, roses, orchids, or lilies. Many bridal bouquets also include fillers like baby's breath as well as some green or ivy, as well as ribbons or additional accessories.
- * Bouquets for attendants. Attendants' bouquets should be identical, and it's best to coordinate these bouquets with the attendants' gowns. Only the maid of honor traditionally receives a slightly different bouquet, as it's customary to give her one apart from the rest, though not significantly so.
- * Boutonnieres for groomsmen and ushers. The guy's side of the wedding also needs to take part in the floral plan. Worn in a buttonhole or lapel, a boutonniere should be worn on the left lapel and match a flower from the bridesmaids' bouquet. The groom should also wear a boutonniere, though his should match a flower from the bride's bouquet. When wearing boutonnieres, men should not wear additional accessories such as pocket squares.
- * Flowers for special guests. Certain special guests, such as grandmothers and mothers, should receive corsages. While the corsages do not need to be identical, they should match the brides maids' bouquets. It's best to consult with a florist for a corsage color that matches all dresses, as typically the corsages must be ordered before the bride and groom know what their mothers, grandmothers and other special guests will be wearing. A corsage that goes with anything, therefore, is ideal.

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Fans of ballroom dancing enjoy the social aspects as well as the physical benefits. They can gain confidence when mastering steps and also work toward a toned physique. Others take their enjoyment of ballroom dancing to their wedding day -- brushing up on steps for a flawless first dance together.

Weddings present many all-eyes-on-you moments, but at the reception none is more prominent than a couple's first dance. Being prepared for this moment can calm some first-dance jitters and present a couple who is relaxed and ready for their life together. Because music and dancing are large components of the wedding day, practicing your songs of choice and brushing up on some dancing techniques will be beneficial.

- 1. Choose a wedding song that is romantic but also has a steady beat to make following along easier.
- 2. First dance, mother-son, father-daughter, and any other special songs should be kept to a 2 to 3 minute maximum each. Songs that are too long may end up boring guests. They can also make the dancers in the spotlight feel overly nervous.
- 3. Practice your chosen wedding song with your spouse-to-be, this way you can gauge the length of the song and figure out what steps you will use during the dance. Make sure your band or DJ plays the same version of the song so that you will not be caught off-guard.
- 4.Practice dancing to songs of different tempos so that you will be able to hold your own on the dance floor during the reception. Guests will expect to see the happy couple joining in the festivities.
- 5. If you feel your dancing skills are subpar, sign up for dancing lessons at a local studio. Five to 10 lessons should give you adequate knowledge of basic steps and help you look more confident on the dance floor.

- 6. Keep your calm whatever may happen. Remember, your guests won't know what you're planning in terms of dance numbers. You can easily cover up missteps if you remain calm and look confident.
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Responsibilities of the Wedding Party

As weddings have become less regimented and more expensive, the traditional bridal party is often pared down to a best man and a bridesmaid or two. Their roles, however, have remained constant through the years.

Whether the wedding you've got in mind is large or small, formal or casual, conventional or original, it's helpful to have a sense of the roles that bridal party members have played through the years.

* Maid of Honor -- Usually the closest friend of the bride and sometimes a relative. A married, divorced, widowed, or older woman might be called the matron of honor. She assists with the details of the wedding plans, like shopping for the bridal gown, addressing invitations and choosing flowers. She arranges the bridal shower in conjunction with the bride's family, is in charge of coordinating the bridesmaids and organizing fittings, and typically signs the couple's certificate of marriage or wedding license as a legal witness. At the reception, she should stand immediately after the groom in the receiving line.

* Best Man -- Commonly the groom's best friend, relative or not, the best man is in charge of instructing the ushers and coordinating the groom's transportation to the ceremony. He usually holds the rings until the ceremony and will also sign the marriage certificate as a legal witness. At the reception, he holds a place of honor, escorting the maid of honor in the receiving line and in all other wedding party activities. He's also the toastmaster, offering the first toast to the couple.

* Bridesmaids and Ushers -- Typically friends or relatives of the bride, bridesmaids may be asked to coordinate special details during the ceremony preparations or at the reception, and assist the bride and the maid of honor. Ushers (sometimes also known as groomsmen) should be prepared for an early arrival at the ceremony to escort female guests to their seats. During the ceremony, they will escort the bridesmaids down the aisle. They may also be asked to coordinate the guests' trip from the ceremony to the reception as well as assist the groom and the best man.

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ous rolls, such as coordinating transportation, dancing and toasting. Traditionally, he and the mother of the bride have paid for the wedding and reception but today it is common for expenses to be shared by both families along with the bride and groom themselves.

Tips for a *Toast to Remember*

Being asked to be someone's best man or maid of honor is an honor to be cherished. Often the best friend of the groom or bride, the best man and maid of honor often want to reciprocate the honor of their role with a toast that illustrates just how much they care for the bride or groom.

But once the time comes to sit down and think about their toast, the best man or maid of honor are often in the dark. Giving a wedding toast, after all, is not an everyday event, and for many people it will be a one-time experience, if they're even asked at all. Though a certain amount of pressure comes with the responsibility of giving a toast, keeping a few ideas in mind when writing a toast will make the process go more smoothly.

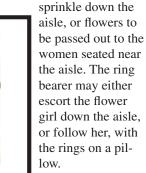
* Thank the guests. Thanking the guests for attending is a good way to break the ice. Be sure to thank the hosts as well. Traditionally, the hosts are the bride's parents. However, thanks to the escalating costs of weddings, many are now financed by both the bride and groom's parents, and oftentimes by the bride and groom themselves. Therefore, you can avoid any missteps and simply thank the parents of the bride and groom after thanking the guests for joining in the festivities.

* Introduce yourself. While the bride and groom certainly know who you are, chances are many of the guests do not. Many weddings boast guest lists with more than 100 people, so introduce yourself at the beginning of your toast. When doing so, you can explain your relationship to the bride or groom (i.e., older/younger sibling, college roommate, etc.).

* Keep things light. While jokes should remain appropriate (every wedding has kids in attendance), keeping the toast jovial is a good way to keep the festive mood of the day going. While it's important to get across how much you cherish being the best man or maid of honor, a jovial approach to doing so will be enjoyed by all, and your message will still come across to the bride and groom as well.

* Add an anecdote. The best man or maid of honor no doubt have many funny anecdotes to tell about the bride or groom. Add a light-hearted anecdote that illustrates your relationship to the bride or groom and how much they mean to you. An older brother, for instnace, might tell a tale of the innocent joking around brothers do, while a younger sister might spin a funny yarn about how she once used all of her older sister's makeup. Just make sure the anecdote is appropriate for everyone in the audience.

* Raise a glass, but do so after the toast, and not before. While everyone knows to raise a glass at the end of the toast, some best men or maids of honor raise one too many glasses before it's time to give their toast. Don't drink to excess before it's time for you to give your toast, or you'll risk being the talk of the reception for all the wrong reasons.



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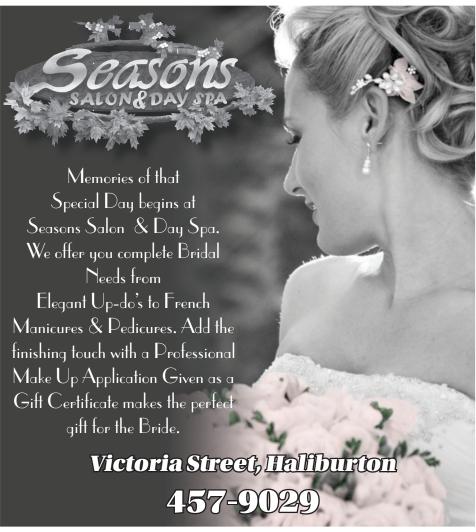
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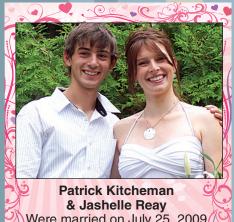




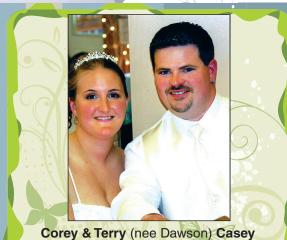




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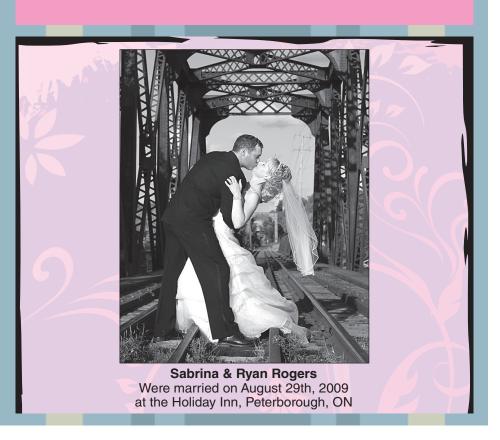


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Hawks unbeaten streak ends in season finale

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Hal High Red Hawks travelled to Peterborough last Thursday afternoon for a moot showdown against the Adam Scott Lions.

Moot because the Hawks, on the basis of a 5-1 victory over second place Norwood Knights last Monday at the Dysart Barn, had already clinched first place.

But two looming factors hung on Thursday's game. It was the last game of the season and the Hawks had an opportunity – with a win over the Lions – to place a poignant exclamation on an undefeated season.

In nouveau sports parlance the Adam Scott encounter is called a "trap game."

The trap occurs when a "big" game with huge importance (Hal High versus Norwood last Monday) is followed by a game with much less portent – like for instance when the 12-0-1 Hawks faced off against the 5-7-1 Adam Scott Lions last Thursday afternoon.

The Red Hawks may have succumbed to the trap, or maybe it was just a question of some overconfidence, or it could have been that infernal bus ride down the Buckhorn line.

Whatever the reason, the Hawks fell just short of that undefeated season when they dropped a 4-3 decision to Adam Scott in the final game of the regular season.

Coach Ron Yake said that his team definitely came out devoid of their usual laissez-faire flair in the first two periods. The Hawks were behind 1-0 after one and



In Monday night action at the Dysart et al Arena the Hal High Red Hawks defeated the Norwood Knights 5-1. The win clinched first place for the Red Hawks, setting the stage for Thursday's game versus Adam Scott. Above Hawk goalie Alex Monk Cray strains to catch a glimpse of the shooter during a Knight power play last Monday. Photos by Terrance Gavan

trailed 4-1 after the second period.

"We came out flat," said Yake, who added that they finally found some jump and juke in the final frame.

"We were down 4-1 going into the third period and we played very strong at that point, scored a couple and pressured, but we just couldn't score the tying goal, despite having some good chances," said Yake last Friday.

Yake grappled hard to find some explanation for the slow start, and finally said that it was probably a culmination of a number of factors.

"I think part of it was the fact that we had clinched

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Brett Yake snipes for two goals and assist in 4-3 loss

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first place," said Yake. "And it was an away game, and also I think that the game meant something to Adam Scott so they played hard and they scored a few goals, got a lead and hung on."

Yake gave full marks to the Lions for coming out prepared in the first two periods and said that it proved to his team that as playoffs approach, taking another team for granted is done at one's peril.

"Their goalie played very well, because we had a lot of shots and a lot of chances," said Yake.

The loss put the single blemish on an otherwise undefeated season. The Red Hawks finish with a stellar 12-1-1 record.

"Some of the guys were disappointed about that, they wanted to have an undefeated season," says Yake. "But I said to them after the game that our goal was to finish first and we finished first; and we're first within the whole league (including the four AAA teams) so I told them that we've reached our goal and that they should feel good about it."

Brett Yake scored a pair and added an assist to lead all scorers. Keaton Gadway scored the Hawks other goal, and Carson Roberts had two assists. Ian Bottum, Matt Rae and Greg Clements added the other assists.

The AA sudden death playoffs started on Monday,



Special guest coach Matt Duchene (in the black jacket alongside his old coach Ron Yake in red), on Olympic hiatus from NHL's Colorado Avalanche, coached two games including this one at Dysart Arena last Monday night versus Norwood. His record? Duchene, with wins over I.E. Weldon and Norwood, was 2-0 as a Red Hawk coach.

March 1 (because of deadlines we will cover the game in the *Minden Times*). On Monday evening (last night) the Hawks hosted the Kenner Rams, in the one versus eight playoff; the second place Norwood Knights played seventh place Cobourg West; third place Thomas A. Stewart hosted Adam Scott; and in the four versus three match-up, Clarke played host to Holy Cross.

If the Hawks win their March 1 game – slated for Dysart et al Arena at 7:15 p.m. – they will then go on to

host the Kawartha final four tournament on Wednesday, March 3.

Semi-final action of the AA tourney begins at 10 a.m. with action at both Dysart and S.G. Nesbitt (Minden) arenas.

Winner of those two games will face off for the Kawartha championship at 2 p.m. at the Dysart Arena. Top two finishers will move on to COSSA, but Yake says the champions will have the better seed in the regionals.





Over 55? Senior games wants you!

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Peter O'Connor is in a pretty unique

As the coordinator of the summer and winter senior games for District 11, which encompasses the regions of Haliburton and Muskoka, he's faced with a pretty hefty mandate.

It is a unique position because O'Connor is charged with cobbling together a regional team from this area for both the upcoming summer and winter games, and he's also been asked to upgrade the local profile of the two events, a job that includes a mission to eradicate some ingrained and preconceived notions about the games.

His job is especially important right now, because Haliburton is hosting the Senior Winter Games - known as Winterfest 2011 - which will be coming to the Haliburton area Feb. 15-17, 2011.

O'Connor has been asked to coordinate not only a base of representation from District 11 – which also includes Gravenhurst, Huntsville and Bracebridge - for the Winterfest games, but his purview also includes the cultivation of a local senior participation base at the Actifest summer games slated for Oshawa, Aug. 10-12.

One of the more prevalent notions surrounding senior games probably rests with the pejorative take on the "senior" word and the misconception surrounding so-called "senior" sporting events.

"Even though they're the senior games, competitors 55 and over can participate," explains O'Connor. That 55-year-old-eligibility parameter takes a lot of people by surprise.

He says that if more local people knew about those age brackets (there are subsequent age categories that allow for 55 plus, 65 plus and 75 plus events) there might be a lot more golfers, hockey players, cross-country skiers, curlers, alpine racers, table-tennis players, tennis players, bowlers, darts players and other sports participants interested in stretching their horizons.

People who begin their senior games quest at 55 are more likely to stay involved when they are approaching their 60s and

O'Connor says that the games are specifically designed over a weekend to make it easy for seniors to plan the trip. There are

an awful lot of sporting events crammed into a very small window. What it will mean for Haliburton in February of 2011 is a huge influx of visitors, with some wonderful and free-flowing economic benefits for local shops, hotels and restaurants.

Not all of the sports involved in the summer and winter games are as strenuous as tennis, cross country, curling, cycling, or alpine racing. The more popular events at the senior summer games include golf, duplicate bridge, and the walking event. Duplicate bridge is available at both the winter and summer games.

O'Connor says that the games are designed to provide local seniors with the impetus to participate and get active.

The senior games are organized by the Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) and their stated mission is, "to provide older adults (55+) in Ontario with an opportunity to increase their social interaction with others, increase their physical and mental well-being, maintain and enhance their psychological and physiological well-being through participation in recreational activities and sports.

Some lofty goals, but O'Connor says that they provide an important service, because seniors who remain active through their 60s and 70s not only live longer, but they also remain more productive and interactive in their later years.

He says that when he was initially approached to take on the coordinator duties for the sprawling District 11, he was intrigued. Now that he's immersed in the process, he knows how daunting the job

"Winterfest is coming and we're going to host the winter games in Haliburton," says O'Connor. "I've gone up to Sir Sam's [Ski Area] and we're getting Sir Sam's volunteers here to host the alpine races. I've also approached Sir Sam's and said to them, 'you've also got to select a team for us,' otherwise Haliburton's going to be doing all the work on hosting this thing and we're not going to have an alpine ski

He says that Sir Sam's ski school director Dave Webb has provided him with some good information and also promised to help the Haliburton District 11 team cull some senior alpine racers from the pretty talented field of senior racers that also take part in certain alpine race events held at Sir Sam's through the course of the ski

He's done the same with the Nordic events and asked representatives from the local cross-country ski club to help organize and offer information regarding local competitors who might be interested in representing District 11.

Slowly the impetus for tryouts for both the summer and winter games are coming together, says O'Connor. But, he says, there is still an awful lot of work to do. His job is to get the word out to the large senior community here in the Highlands about the upcoming games. He is hoping to have from 400 to 500 seniors from District 11 trying out for the spots on the various teams.

"So we're looking for people who are interested in participating in the winter games, especially for things like alpine skiing, and cross-country skiing," says O'Connor, but he also says that they need hockey players, curlers, short-track speed skaters, table tennis players and, maybe, a volleyball team.

O'Connor says that the OSGA is always open to suggestions for additional sports and he says that he would personally like to see a snowshoe event added to the lineup, because it's a sport, with the coming of the new ultra-lightweight composite snowshoes, that's becoming increasingly popular among seniors all over Ontario.

In fact, says O'Connor, that's what the senior games are all about.

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For more information and links to Actifest and Winterfest O'Connor suggests a visit to the comprehensive OSGA website located at ontarioseniorgames.ca.

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Red Hawk curlers are eighth in province



The following HHSS sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Feb. 19 and Feb. 21

The Red Hawk curlers finished in the top eight of the province at the Gore

Congratulations to the Red Hawk Girls' and Boys' snowboarding teams for both

winning silver at COSSA. Alex Vassos led for the boys, while Christianna Walker led for the girls.

Feb. 22

The Red Hawk hockey team defeated the Norwood Knights by a score of 5-1 to solidify a first place finish.

Feb. 25

Joshua Wright and Daniel Wright placed in the top half of the province at the OFSSA Nordic Skiing championship.

TOURISM REGIONS

Did county staff OK grouping with Ottawa Valley?

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the government for change regarding the matter. Local business owners and tourism operators throughout the county similarly feel the split is not in Haliburton's best interest.

The Arts Council of Haliburton has issued its own letter to the community asking residents to make their opinions known by sending a letter to the minister of tourism or MPP Rick Johnson, requesting the county of Haliburton remain unified as one region.

"After long hard discussion and study the Haliburton Tourism Board is putting forth a united front and believes that strategically we want to influence the decision makers to keep the County of Haliburton intact and to attach us to Region 8 to maintain our traditional relationships," the letter reads.

It urges residents to explain to the minister how the split will impact them and their businesses and the importance of tourism as a driving force in Haliburton.

In a letter sent to Michael Chan, minister of tourism, local advertising salesperson for Canoe FM, David Allen, outlined some of his concerns with the new regions.

"A great deal of time, money and effort has been collectively spent on what has become a highly successful branding campaign ie. Haliburton Highlands - A Natural Work of Art.

"As anybody in the tourism industry knows, it takes years of hard work to create a standalone identity and in doing so, separate your product from the myriad of other options available to the consumer. Furthermore, tourism is our largest economic and employment sector in a geographic area with the lowest average income in Ontario," Allen writes.

In response to the reasoning behind the new boundaries Johnson says the new regions are a result of a significant amount of research and input.

"My understanding is that there were a few things that they did," says Johnson in reference to the province's decision. "There really are two issues surrounding the matter. One is that the county of Haliburton was placed into the region with the Ottawa Valley as opposed to the region with Kawartha Lakes-Peterborough. There seems to be some confusion about what's going on."

According to Johnson, this decision was partly a result of a letter sent to the Minister of Tourism on Nov. 6. In the letter, drafted and sent by Mitchell Wilkie, manager of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OTVA), the county of Haliburton requested to be aligned with the Ottawa Valley in a region proposed as Algonquin East-Ottawa Valley.

"When I spoke to the ministry expressing concerns about the new regions they said to me, 'well we have

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a letter stating this is where they want to go," says Johnson. "It's a letter that was sent in after consultation saying this is what would make us happy."

The proposal drafted by the OTVA was sent to Michael Kurts, assistant deputy minister of tourism and culture, and included an unofficial map, which included the entirety of Haliburton County as the result of a general agreement reached between the included counties.

According to Bob Smith, director of economic development for tourism and marketing in Haliburton County, the letter sent by the OTVA included just one of the many proposed regions floating around prior to the announcement.

"We were sitting at a number of tables prior to the announcement," says Smith. "We were trying to keep all our options open and were at more than one table trying to find out what was going on."

A meeting was facilitated with Kurts by the OVTA on Oct. 5 prior to the proposal being drafted, however representatives from Haliburton did not attend.

Moving forward officials from the county have notified the OVTA that they will not be supporting the alignment proposed in the new regions.

According to Wilkie, the OVTA is sympathetic to Haliburton's situation regarding the split and understands the county's decision to continue seeking realignment.

In an email Wilkie writes, "I sympathize with their situation, but we are willing to include and work with Haliburton should the ministry enforce the current regional boundary decision."

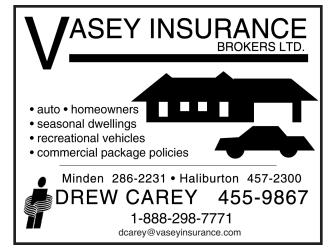
Wilkie says like Haliburton he too doesn't understand the logic behind splitting the county.

"I didn't suggest any split of Haliburton County in my proposal or map," says Wilkie. "I am disappointed they split Haliburton, that didn't make any sense to me."

Johnson agrees the split is an important issue.

"Concerns were expressed over the splitting of Algonquin Highlands," says Johnson. "What they were looking at [in regards to that decision] was travel patterns. The east/west travel pattern along Highway 60 goes from Huntsville into the entrance of Algonquin

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"They [the ministry] felt that that was a tourism route and that there was a lot of support for having that route in one zone."

Despite the ministry's explanation for the new regions, Johnson addressed the issue during a debate regarding the new tourism zones in the Ontario Legislature on Feb. 24.

He outlined the concern in Haliburton County over the tourism divide and asked Minister Chan what assurances he can make to the tourism operators in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock with regard to their concerns over the implementation of the new tourism regions.

Chan replied, "I would like to assure the honourable member and tourism operators across Ontario that these steps are being taken to better showcase Ontario, to strengthen the industry and stay competitive. We are building on past successes and encouraging further co-operation between regions and tourism organizations."

Moving forward Johnson says the likelihood of the regions being changed is very minimal, but those in the county shouldn't be discouraged.

"I think there are some questions that need to be answered," says Johnson in terms of how this decision will affect funding. "We've sent a letter in on behalf of the county expressing their concerns as well."

"When I spoke to the ministry yesterday they said to me that the maps were done for now and ready to go. There's nothing to say we can review it in a year or two to see if it's working."



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Storm take two of three from Chiefs

KARENA CROFTS

Manager, Highland Storm Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AEs started their semifinal games against Lakefield Chiefs with the first of three games for the weekend this Friday, Feb. 26 in Lakefield at 6:30 p.m.

The boys did not seem nervous but their parents certainly were.

The teams are equally matched with 10 players (two lines) and a goalie apiece. The teams are playing three 15-minute periods the norm for the chiefs.

As the teams tried to figure each other out they both played strongly but the Storm prevailed. The Storm scored three goals in the first period, two by Jake Bull and one by Greg Crofts with assists to Devyn Prentice, Alex Wilbee, Owen Smith and Trevor Turner.

The Chiefs managed to answer with one goal in the first and the second period. In the third period the Storm boys do what they always do and set about to win, with another goal by Greg Crofts making this his 50th of the season, two by Owen Smith and another by Jake Bull, giving him his first hat trick of the season. Assists to Alex Wilbee, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice and Jack Dobie.

Great goaltending by Anthony Bertucca and playing from Jacob Haedicke and Ryan Prentice. Winning score of 7-4. Game two on Saturday in Minden, proved to be a difficult game with the benches having figured out how to play against the other team.

The Storm struggled somewhat but still managed to pull out a 4-3 win. Goals going to Jacob Haedicke, Owen Smith, Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. With assists to Devyn Prentice and Jake Bull. Great playing by the rest of the team.

Game three proved that they had shut down the line with Greg Crofts, Alex Wilbee, Trevor Turner, Jack Dobie, Jacob Haedicke with no goals from them, though they still managed to get some shots away. The Chiefs were playing for their hockey lives and no intention of going down in three games. The Storm lost this game 4-2, with goals going to Devyn Prentice and Owen Smith, assists to Jake Bull, Carter O'Neill and Owen Smith. The boys will be ready to play game four on Friday, March 5 in Minden at 6 p.m. Please come out and support these boys who have worked hard to be this far in the OMHA playoffs.

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Game three is set for 7:30 p.m. in Minden Friday, March 5.

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The Minden Hills Museum is a community museum made up of 6 heritage buildings and a collections building owned and operated by the Township of Minden Hills. The Museum is under the administrative umbrella of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) which, along with the museum, is made up of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (a public art gallery) and the R.D. Lawrence Place (literary arts and environmental education centre). The MHCC site also houses the Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and Highland Media Arts, a community based media arts and education organization.

Minden Hills Museum's Curator/Heritage Programmer is a dynamic and enthusiastic individual who understands community based programming and possesses a keen interest and/or experience in heritage education, cultural history or museum studies. Reporting to the Director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the Curator /Heritage Programmer is responsible for the museum collection, the day-to-day operations of the museum, the development of heritage education programs for school groups and for the delivery of community programs.

For a more information and a copy of the full job description go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

Interested applicants should send resume and covering letter (include job title on cover letter) by $4~\mathrm{pm}$ March $18,\,2010$. Emailed applications are accepted. Send to:

Minden Hills Cultural Centre Box 648, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden, ON, KOM 2KO

Attention: Daniela Pagliaro, Director MHCC RE: Museum Curator/Heritage Programmer Email: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca www.mindenculturalcentre.com



Scottish LPs are yours for the asking

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

West Guilford Baptist Church invites you to the next men's breakfast on the second Saturday in March (the 13th).

Reports are that the speaker and the food are both good!

From Alberta we hear the glad news that Pam and Jaro Cooper are parents of an eight-pound, eight-ounce baby girl born on Feb. 25 at the hospital in Calgary and is named Ella Natasha.

Congratulations to happy parents and to grandparents, the Nepskys and Louise Cooper.

Does anyone want my old Scottish LPs - song and/or pipe band music? Just

Euchre scores for Tuesday, Feb. 23: high - Liz Jesseman, Garth Windsor; low - Ken Morrison, Bill Geddis; most lone hands - Ginnie Muenzel and Robert McIvor.



Check out our website and photo gallery

www.haliburtonecho.ca



NOTICE OF SUBMISSION MAPLE LAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE CAPACITY EXPANSION



The Township of Algonquin Highlands has completed the Township of Algonquin Highlands Waste Mana Assessment, which delines a waste management strategy for the Township for a period C3 years. As re of the Environmental Assessment Act and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Mini January 17, 2005, the Township of Algonquin Highlands has submitted its environmental assessment Environment for review and approved.

As required under the Environmental Assessment Act, the environmental assessment will be available for public review and commer from February 26, 2010 to April 16, 2010. The Township invites interested parties to review the Maple Lake Waste Disposal Sh Capacity Expansion Environmental Assessment Report at the following locations in the following locations.

- The Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office (1123 North Shore Road, Minden, Onlario) Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, (705) 489-2379
- The Township of Algonquin Highlands Dorset Office (1051 Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Wednesday 1:00pm-4:30pm, (705) 766-2211
- The Township of Algonquin Highlands WebPage: www.algonquinhighlands.ca/admin/waste_mgt.htm
- hope Public Library (1109 North Shore Road, Minden, Ontario) day 12:30pm-2:30pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 1:00pm-3:00pm, Thursday and Saturday 10:00am-12noo

- Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Environmental A Approvals Branch 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A, Toronto, Ontario Monday to Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm, (800) 461-6290

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

Roads Department Box 399, Located at 3 St. Germaine Street Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

LOAD RESTRICTIONS March 1st to May 15th

As per By-Law #2216, County Roads #'s 1 to 20, 39, 48, and 507 shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any County Roads during the Load Restriction Period.

Single Trip Permits issued by the Roads Department, for transporting over dimensional loads on County Roads, will still be issued but shall be subject to the reduced loading conditions during the above noted period.

Doug Ray Director of Public Works



NOTICE

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Minden (location to be announced).

2010/11 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2010 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2010.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira Haliburton Highlands Health Services 7199 Gelert Road, P.O. Box 115 Haliburton, Ontario. K0M 1S0 705-457-2527

email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca

* this includes seasonal residents, ie., summer cottagers/landowners

WILBERFORCE

Olympics help dispel February blahs

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

O Canada! Fourteen times O Canada. Olympic fever finally in the second week infected this former phys ed. person and enthusiastic Canadian.

Fourteen gold plus well-earned silver and bronze medals won by our Canadian athletes. Such near perfection on ice and snow, in so many different sports has even the very cynical waving the flag. Sure has helped dispel the February blahs for a couple of weeks. And the

new version of the "Maple Leaf Forever" is definitely a keeper.

Now if the joy of being Canadian and celebrating achievements of the country's athletes and our ability to stage the Olympic games would just carry over into our village in a practical way. One of the ways our national historic site is funded is by the raffle of a quilt each year. This year's quilt is now being quilted. Quilted slowly. The Heritage Guild would welcome help. Even a few hours one afternoon or morning would be a big help. Call me at 448-2018 or Joan Noble to let us know when you could help out. If there is a car at the Outpost drop in and see the quilt. It's a pretty hand pieced one this year.

The United Church will be having a

St. Patrick's Day lunch on Wednesday, March 17 at the church. You can enjoy Irish stew beginning at 11:30 a.m. We hear that they are having special musicians at their regular service on Sunday, March 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Several bonspiels are scheduled for this last month of curling. Most of the regular leagues are nearing or are already in playoffs. A raffle being held by the club has some excellent prizes. The first is a dark walnut primitive table. Second prize is a denim coloured afghan and matching cushion. Third prize is half a year's curling membership at the Wilberforce club or \$50 is being greatly coveted. Tickets are available from club members and at Agnew's. Draw will take place on April 8 at the awards night.



Check out our website and photo gallery

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To advertise your upcoming event, call Angela at 457-1037

Coming Events

WINTER FOLK CAMP

8:00 Evening Concerts YMCA Camp Wanakita

Saturday March 6th, 2010 featuring: lan Tamblyn, Cindy Thompson, and Rodrigo Chavez

Sunday March 7th, 2010 featuring: **Eve Goldberg, Linda Morrison and Paul Mills**

WINTER FOLK CAMP

Tickets are available at the York Street Internet Café in Haliburton and Haliburton Highlands Copy Center in Minden or call 705 754-3655 Haliburton County Folk Society members \$15 / non-members \$20 www.winterfolkcamp.com

TICKETS FOR SALE

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Wild Game Dinner

March 6, 2010
at Haliburton Legion
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Auction table raffle table,
\$30 per person or \$50 per couple
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
All proceeds to Conservation
Please call 705-457-9664



Wednesday March 3rd, 2010



Centre for Community Based Research

Presents:

Dr. Mark Skinner & Ann MacLeod Social Determinants of Health Dominion Hotel, 113 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden

2:30 to 4:45 Afternoon Workshop

Social Determinants of Health in Haliburton – Future Research Directions

5 pm Dinner

Order directly from the wonderful Dominion Hotel menu.

7 pm Lecture

There is an emerging trend in the health sector that health is not just the absence of disease but is influenced by many other factors. These factors are known as the Social Determinants of Health, which include such things as social status, income, education, access to transportation etc. Mark and Ann will be speaking about health in rural areas and the unique challenges people face.

Please extend this invitation to interested individuals.

Please RSVP for each event separately: Workshop-Dinner-Lecture

to Marilyn Wright, U-Links admin.ulinks@on.aibn.com or (705) 286-2411

THEATRE

Little Red Riding Hood visits Pavilion March 7

Razzamataz Kids Shows and The HHSS Redhawk's Theater Company are pleased to present *The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood* March 7 at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Pavilion.

For the first time the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks' Theater Company will be creating and performing the entire production in conjunction with Razzamataz Kids Shows! This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the amazing talent available in Haliburton County.

The Complete Adventures of Red Riding Hood explains what really happened when Red Riding Hood went for a walk in the woods! On her way she encounters a wolf – and she helps out her new friends Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and Rapunzel. When Grandma is in danger, Red and her friends come to the rescue!

Razzamataz Kids Shows are proud to bring four unique and child-friendly theatre productions to Haliburton County every year. The shows are always lively and tend to encourage lots of audience participation whether they bring silly songs that stick in your head, a chance to try out a new musical instrument, a theatrical production or examples of other cultures. The only thing that stays the same is the opportunity for a great

time and the probability of lots of singing, dancing, movement and laughter. Don't be afraid that your child won't sit still for the whole show. They aren't supposed to! The kids (big and little) are often dancing in their seats or singing in the aisles and the March presentation won't be any different.

For more information check out our website at www.razzamataz.ca

To reserve tickets call Gesa Haase at 705-754-2586. Adults \$8; children two and up \$6; under two are free!







Syrup & Pancake Barn in Gelert Open March 6th until April 25th Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional family activities. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall of our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, french toast, maple baked beans and our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area. Cheque or cash only. Join us at 2 p.m. Every Saturday and Sunday for taffy-on-snow at Sourdough Sam's Cabin. Easter weekend (Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.) Easter egg hunt in the sugarbush all day.

Call 286-3202 for more information

community Calendar What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the Haliluston Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- March 2: The Minden & District Horticultural Society Our meeting will take place at the Community Centre at 1 pm. Speaker is Linda Friend from Rural Roots. Memberships \$9 each or couples \$16. For more information call Linda 286-2261. All Welcome.
- March 2: GriefShare Support Group Join us for from 7:30 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.
- March 5: World Day of Prayer Written by the women of Cameroon, Haliburton United Church at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome, refreshments.
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- March 8: Climbing Club Come and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing Monday evenings at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. Families 6:30 8:00 pm, children and parents climb together. Youth and Adults 8:00 9:00 pm. \$2 per person. Everyone welcome. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parental permission required for youth under 18. Sponsored by Point In Time. For more information call Donna at Point in Time 457-5345 ext 314 or email donnaa@pointintime.ca

- \bullet March 9: GriefShare Support Group Join us for from 7:30 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.
- March 12: The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre will be sponsoring a showing of Sarah's Choice – at Lakeside Baptist Church at 7 pm. \$5.00 per person or \$15 per family. For more information call 457-4673. See the trailer at www.PureFlix.com/ sarah

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR MARCH BREAK ART ACTIVITIES

Are you looking for children's activities during March break? Pottery, drawing, jewellery, supersonic storytelling, paper maché, and hula hoop building are a few of the activities offered by talented local instructors. To learn more about these creative, fun workshops contact the Cultural Centre in Minden, the Art Hive in Stanhope, and the Rail's End Gallery in Haliburton. Funding is available through Sissy's Love Connection, a fund established to recognize the contributions of Janice Crawford, a Haliburton County resident who died in Oct. 2008 from cancer. Applications are due Friday March 12. All families with a maximum annual income of \$45,000 are eligible for assistance. Call Sharon Harrison for details. 286 1940 or email dancingwildflower@sympatico.ca

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender

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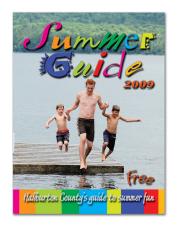
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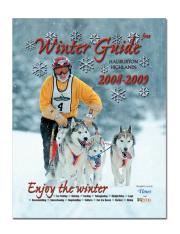


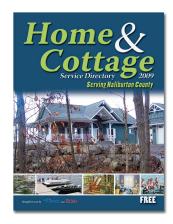
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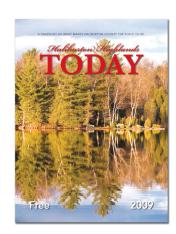
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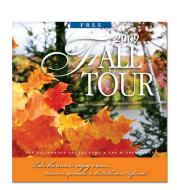
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Send all resumes and covering letters to: Hiring Committee, Point in Time, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, ON KOM 1SO, or fax to 705-457-3492, or email to info@pointintime.ca Closing date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010

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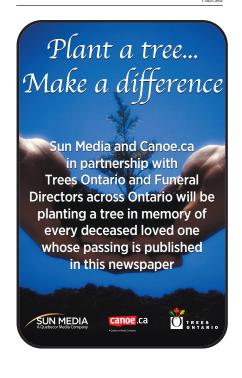
Beautiful memories are wonderful things,
They last until the longest day,
They never wear out,
And never get lost,
And can never be given away,
But to me who loved him and lost him,
My memories will always last.
- Lovingly remembered by Marjorie

HUNTER, Ronald G. Hunter - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather who passed away August 1963.

HUNTER, S. Dennis - In loving memory of a dear son, brother, father and grandfather who passed away February 21st, 2002.

We hold you close within our hearts And there forever you'll remain To walk with us throughout our lives Until In Heaven we meet again.

Always remembered and forever loved Mabel, Sharon, Paul, Bonnie and Craig and Don and Karen and Families.







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\$289,000



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3 bdrm backsplit cottage with pretty view of lake. Open concept, cedar vaulted ceilings, large deck ideal for entertaining, 266 ft of gorgeous frontage and approx 2 acres in size Property size is 2 lots in total call for details. \$224,900



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